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Dear Ms. Lipton:

This acknowledges receipt of your March 22, 2019 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in which you requested:

Documents related to the budget for processing and response to FOIA (2017-2019); staffing orders, reports, and contacts (2017 – 2018); staffing reports and plans for (2019); FOIA requester categories (2017 – 2018); FOIA fee waivers (2017 – 2018); and FOIA fee collection (2017-2018).

Your request was received at the FOIA Control Desk on March 25, 2019 and was assigned FOIA Log #**DOC-NIST-2019-001051**. Please refer to this control number whenever corresponding for this request.

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Mr. Charles Wasil, Management Analyst of my office, is the contact point for processing your request. If you have any questions regarding your pending FOIA request, he may be reached by email at [foia@nist.gov](mailto:foia@nist.gov) or by phone (301) 975-4074.

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Fletcher  
Freedom of Information Act Officer

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